

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an electric bulletin board service, a bulletin board of which carries ~~a message~~messages from users and that works with an electric album service, the electric album service providing a storage area for images ~~to each of users~~, the electric bulletin board service and the electric album service being provided by a system including one or more servers, the method comprising:

the system storing images in a storage area of an electric album service registered with a user, each image being stored with a setting indicating whether the image is permitted to be browsed by a third party;

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a step of the system displaying, by the system, a screen for a user~~the user to prepare ~~the a~~ message to be carried ~~in by~~ the bulletin board of the electric bulletin board service; board;

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the system displaying images stored in the electric album service on the~~  
screen;

~~\_\_\_\_\_ the system determining whether the user has requested to include an image~~  
stored in the electric album service in the message;

~~\_\_\_\_\_ a step of displaying, by the system, an image by using an electric album service registered with the user when carrying of the image has been requested by the user while preparing the message in the screen, so that the user enables to demand the image to be carried or not to be carried in the bulletin board with the message;~~

~~a step of judging~~the system determining, by the system, whether or not the stored setting of the requested image displayed by using the electric album service indicates that the requested image is permitted to be browsed by a third party when the user has

~~requested to include an image stored in the electric album service in the message, when the image has been demanded to be carried in the bulletin board with the message by the user, the image having been set in advance by the user to be permitted or not to be permitted to be browsed by the third party;~~

~~a step of permitting, the system including by the system, to carry the requested image as an included image with the prepared message in the bulletin board only when the stored setting of the requested image is judged indicates that the requested image is to be permitted to be browsed by the third party; and~~

~~a step of the system banning, by the system, the requested image from being included in the carrying the image in prepared message in the bulletin board when the stored setting of the requested image is judged indicates that the requested image is not to be permitted to be browsed by the third party.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method for providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in claim 1, wherein:

~~the included image to be carried in the bulletin board with the message is stored in a different storage area from a storage area provided for the electric album service; and~~

~~a link portion is provided on a display screen of the bulletin board to include the included image with the message and the included image stored in the different storage area is accessed through the display screen of the bulletin board when the link portion is clicked on.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method for providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in claim 1, wherein the included image is a thumbnail image based on an original image stored in a storage area provided for the electric album service, and the

thumbnail image is displayed in a page of the electric album ~~service when carrying of the~~  
~~image has been requested by the user while preparing the message in the screen.~~service.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the included image ~~to be carried in the bulletin board with the message~~ is a contracted image based on an original image stored in a storage area provided for the electric album service;

a link portion to display the original image ~~of the contracted image~~ is provided on a display screen when the contracted image is displayed on the display screen of the bulletin board; and

the original image is read out from the storage area provided for the electric album service and displayed in the bulletin board when the link portion is clicked on.

6-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method for providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in claim 2, wherein ~~according to an erase order from the user, when the user~~  
requests an order to erase an original image of the included image, the original image being stored in the storage area provided for the electric album service, and the original image is erased, and the included image ~~stored in the different storage area~~ is not erased.

15-25. (Canceled)

26. (New) The method for providing the electric bulletin board service set forth in claim 2, wherein:

when the system bans the requested image from being included in the bulletin board, a link portion through which the image is accessed is not provided on a display screen of the bulletin board.